GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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INDUCTION OF SPY DRONES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Armed Forces have planned another major induction of spy drones in the near future;

(b) if so, countries from which the spy drones are likely to be acquired;

(c) whether the Army has been using its spy drones to track terrorists and their hide-outs in both J&K and North-East;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has approved any amount for the projects to develop UAVs by the Bangalore-based Aeronautical Development Establishment in collaboration with IAI; and

(f) if so, the details regarding the advantages, qualities and easy handling by our pilots particularly in operating them from warship for even wider surveillance?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)&(b) : There is no proposal for induction of spy drones in the Armed Forces.

(c)&(d) : The Army does not hold spy drones. However, a variety of ground based and aerial surveillance activities are undertaken by the Army in order to counter the anti-national operations in various parts of the country.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.